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Giants Lose No Time in Starting Work Two Leagues Are on Verge of War.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 8.—The New York Giants have begun their work here. Running and short practice on diamond were indulged in.

The squad has been strengthened by the arrival of Bresnahan, Taylor, McCormack and McGraw yesterday. Together with McGraw they went out to get in some practice at the Bolton street grounds this morning.

The practice for some time will be limited to running and light work for the purpose of limbering up. When asked what he thought of his chances of winning the pennant McGraw said:

"Well, we are going to try. That's about all I can say about it. Except we have got a good team—a good better, I think, than last year. Talking, you know, don't get you anything; we are going to play for it, and we, as I said before, have a good team."

The rest of the team, with possibly one or two exceptions, will get in today.

The Trouble Here.

While the Giants were beginning their practice down South, the owners of the two local clubs were beginning preparations for active warfare.

In Philadelphia last night Ben Johnson gave out the following statement:

"In the event that Mr. Herrmann and I cannot agree, I will consider myself absolved from any further obligations to the National League. The American League dates will be readjusted to suit the best interests of the organization."

Announcement was also made that the Greater New Yorks will play games at Ridgewood during the season beginning April 10, when the Highlanders will play the Ridgewoods, the champion semi-professional team of Greater New York.

Willie Keeler returned to town yesterday from Cambridge, where he has been coaching the Harvard ball players. Keeler reports that Jack Chesbro, who is coaching the Crimson pitchers, is in splendid condition, weighing twenty pounds less than at any time last season.

Highlanders South. Keeler, Fultz, Conroy, Anderson, Wolfe, Unglaub and Hills of the Greater New Yorks will meet in Washington tomorrow. From there they will go to Atlanta to join Manager Griffiths and the other players to begin their spring practice.

John T. Brush, of the National League Club, announced yesterday that he would not permit the New Yorks to meet the Highlanders in an ante-season series games for the local championship. Brush refused to give any reason for refusing to accept Frank Farrell's challenge. He merely announced that he would pay no attention to the def.

FOLEY STAYS, BUT TAKES A BAD BEATING

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—For the second time inside of three weeks, Harry Foley, of Chicago, has been badly routed by George Cole, of Trenton. In the first round, Foley was knocked out in the second round, and last night at the Lenox Athletic Club he came near going the voyage more than once. He managed to stay six rounds, but Cole showed himself to be the master of the situation at an early stage of the game.

The first round was somewhat tame, Foley jabbing Cole lightly with the left. The colored man replied with several stiff body punches. Foley started roughing it in the second round, but

ADVANCE GUARD TO BE RACED THIS SEASON

GRAVESEND, March 8.—Spring and racing are near at hand. Fair weather, a crisp, clear atmosphere and a muddy track were the conditions which faced trainers during the galloping hours.

Advance Guard, the long distance champion of the Shields string, will be taken up and put in training the coming season. The fear his owner had of not standing training this season has vanished, as his racing leg answered every treatment during his long rest and is now as hard as nails. Advance Guard is entered in all of the long distance events to be decided during the season.

Trainer Ed Graves allowed Eden, May H. and several more of his youngsters an eighth of a mile breather through the stretch in 8 1/4. This was the first move at any pretensions to speed.

Stevenson Breeces Quarter. John Rogers's Balkal, with a heavy exercising lad in the saddle, set a half-mile breather in 0.8 seconds.

Dick Bernard, Witchcraft and Stevedore, of the Smathers string, in charge of Trainer Frank Taylor, were sent to a useful gallop of two miles, and after a rub-down Stevedore reeled off a quarter through the homestretch from the quarter pole to the stand in 24 1/2 seconds.

McNeekin Out. Jack Odum's Dalesman, Hurst Park and Pauling were allowed a half-mile gallop of two miles at three parts speed.

One of the old favorites to make his first appearance on the course this season was McNeekin, the hero of many well-fought contests. As the old horse is high in flesh, a slow gallop on the easy side was his portion of the morning's exercise.

Trainer Mitchell's Saccharometer, who developed so much speed at the early meetings last season, was sent to a half-mile breather at a good clip and acted with a great show of dash. Saccharometer is strong and robust.

James Johnston's two-year-old, Eucalyptus, a smoothly turned chestnut filly by Gov. Forester, breezed an eighth of a mile through the stretch in 14 seconds. From the easy manner in which it was accomplished and the sturdy condition of the animal it was an exceptionally

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John L. Sullivan was secured to take the place of Mack, and he put up a good fight for nearly two rounds, when

Canole ripped a fearful left punch into Sullivan's stomach and the Bellows Falls man gave a grunt and it was seen that he was done for. He went the end of the round, and then threw up, claiming that his hand was injured so badly that he could not continue.

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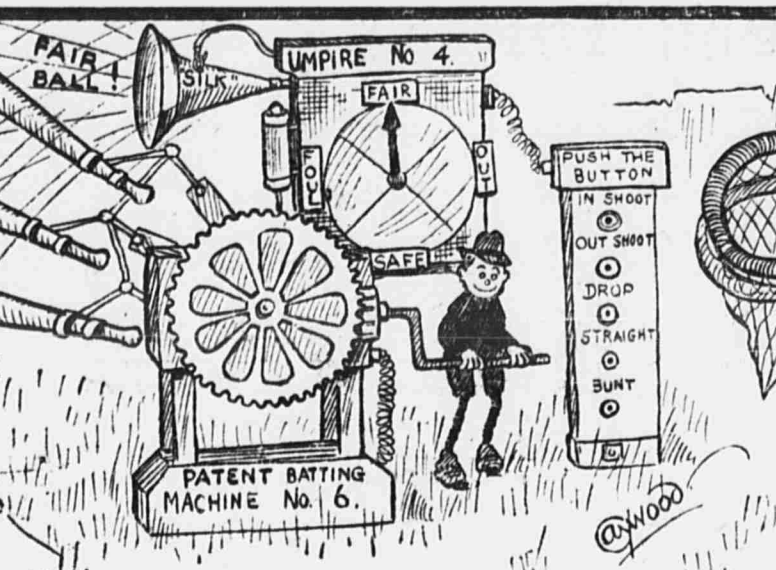
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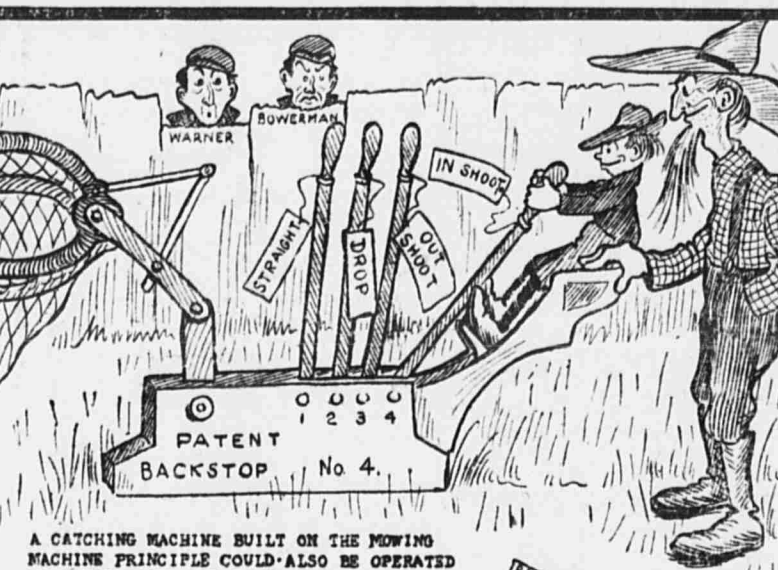
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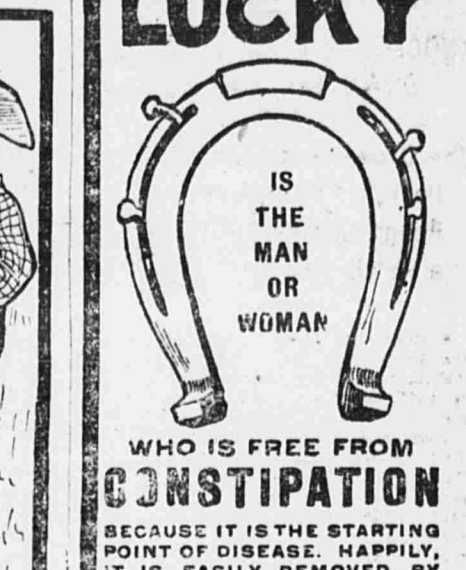
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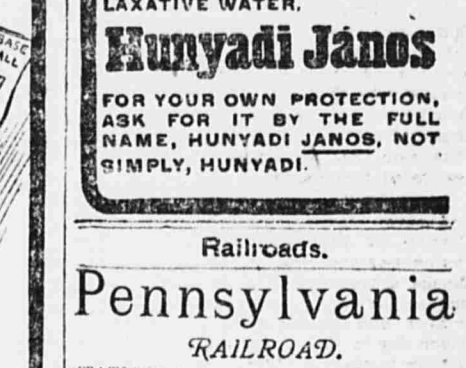
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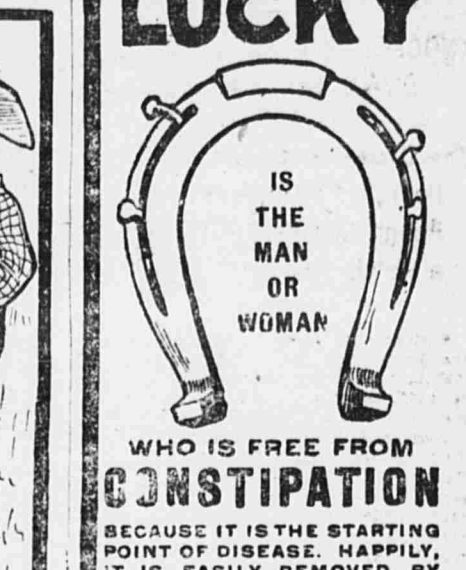
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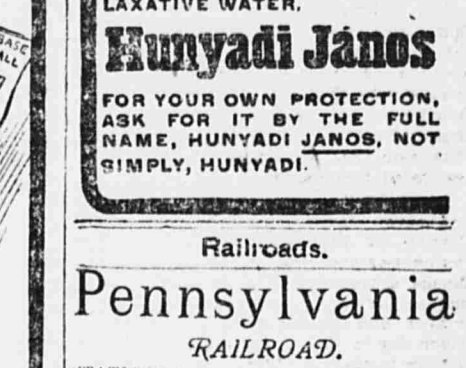
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